

MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 10(A)(26)

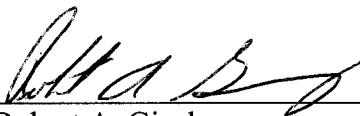
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 20, 2005

FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Florida
Legislature to adopt an annual
sales tax holiday in May for
hurricane preparations

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Senator Javier D. Souto.



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County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

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"4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised

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6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing

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4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing

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Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget

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Budget required

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Statement of fiscal impact required

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Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation

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Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing

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Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)

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No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

Veto _____

Override _____

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1-20-05

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
ADOPT AN ANNUAL SALES TAX HOLIDAY IN THE
MONTH OF MAY FOR MATERIALS PURCHASED TO
PREPARE FOR OR PROTECT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
FROM HURRICANES

WHEREAS, encouraging citizens to prepare for hurricanes is good public policy because it will save lives, protect property, and preserve tax dollars that will otherwise be spent responding to hurricane damage; and

WHEREAS, encouraging Floridians to improve their residential properties by obtaining modern hurricane shutters, acquiring generators, and building safe rooms within their residential properties, will not only save lives, but will allow more Floridians to safely stay at home during a hurricane, which will alleviate overcrowding in the limited amount of available hurricane shelter space provided by government; and

WHEREAS, a sales tax holiday for hurricane supplies and materials would serve to advance this public policy by publicizing the need to gear up early for each upcoming hurricane season, helping people bear the financial costs for hurricane preparation, and allowing retailers to anticipate and manage the demand for such supplies and materials; and

WHEREAS, the hurricane season in Florida officially begins on June 1 every year, therefore, establishing the sales tax holiday during the month of May would encourage Floridians to timely prepare for the upcoming hurricane season,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:**

Section 1. This Board urges the Florida Legislature to establish the month of May as a sales tax holiday in Florida for the purchase of (1) personal hurricane supplies such as batteries, flashlights, portable radios and water; and (2) materials used to protect residential properties from hurricanes including hurricane shutters, plywood, wind-resistant windows, generators, and materials used to build hurricane safe rooms.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Chair and members of the Miami- Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. The Office of Intergovernmental Affairs is directed to include this issue in the County's 2005 state legislative package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Senator Javier D. Souto and offered by
Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by
Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of January, 2005. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Thomas W. Logue